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THE ACCURATE CALCULATION OF A STEAM-CARBON
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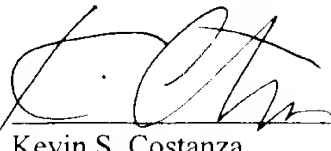
examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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